

SBWF Plays Role in MDStreski, LLC's Launch of Axiom Trial Presentations Division

Streski Reporting & Video Service has provided court reporting and litigation support services in West Virginia since 1980. When it recently became an LLC, the company changed its name to MDStreski, and launched a new division, Axiom Trial Presentations.

From its locations in Wheeling, Morgantown, Pittsburgh and Steubenville, the company offers a wide variety of services for attorneys including verbatim stenotype reporting, real-time reporting, Internet depositions, scanned and hyperlinked exhibits, video depositions, video conferencing, video streaming, digital video/text synchronization and more.



Melania D. Streski, member of MDStreski, LLC, said that the SBWF grant for training on TrialDirector Suite software helped the Axiom Trial Presentations division offer high quality, flexible and cost-effective courtroom presentations. *Photo Courtesy of J. Alex Wilson/WV Development Office*

"As everything in the courts is becoming paperless," said Melania D. Streski, member of MDStreski, LLC., "attorneys want better ways to present their cases and look to outside service providers for the technology and trained personnel. Our Axiom Trial Presentations division offers the high quality, flexible and cost-effective courtroom presentations attorneys want."

Streski's company applied for an SBWF grant for training from inData Corp. on the TrialDirector Suite to help grow the new division.

Small Business Work Force (SBWF) gives small businesses a competitive edge by providing access to quality workforce training and raising the skill level of West Virginia's small business workforce. The program reimburses pre-approved technology, technical and regulatory compliance training. Most small businesses are eligible for up to \$5,000.

Using TrialDirector, video deposition testimony can be presented on-screen with synchronized closed-caption transcript text. During the presentation of evidence, it takes only a few

seconds to locate and playback the exact testimony an attorney needs.

Presentations may include images, photos, videos, text, depositions, PowerPoint®, Word®, Access and Excel® documents, Web pages, interactive 3-D models and more.

“The Small Business Work Force grant allowed me to train four people on TrialDirector and certify one to teach others in our office and law offices throughout the state,” Streski said. “Without the grant, I would have trained only one person.”

“With the inData Corp. training, our employees will be certified presenters and trainers of the TrialDirector software in West Virginia,” Streski said. “This will bring Axiom Trial Presentations to the forefront of litigation support services and the legal market. Law offices can look to us to assist them in the entire case from the time it is filed, during the discovery process and throughout the trial. Using one vendor provides a cohesive and well-organized case.”

Streski said that the expansion will require hiring new employees to handle the caseload as it increases. Due to the technical nature of the jobs created, wages will be two to four times higher than the current minimum wage.

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